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Efiling and Epayment on Civil and Criminal Court Cases Available Statewide in Nebraska

LINCOLN, **Nebraska – March 04**, **2010** – For the past two years, the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts has coordinated a massive effort to institute the technology and training necessary to provide electronic <u>court document</u> filing for attorneys, as well as electronic <u>court payments</u> for citizens and businesses in every jurisdiction within the JUSTICE system. More than 800 attorneys have already signed up to file with the courts electronically. Since the initial pilot of the civil and criminal ePayments system in July of 2009, nearly \$500,000 in fines and fees have been collected for the courts. The new systems provide:

- One-click case building for clerks: In 2009 alone, eFiling saved over 3000 hours of court personnel time.
- Rural court friendly: Clerks overseeing multiple counties can work cases from two or more different courts from a single location.
- 24x7x365 Availability: No travel to courts necessary, payments can be made outside of clerk office hours.
- Time-saving: Each online payment saves an average of 4 minutes of clerk time.

eFiling is available to attorneys in good standing with the Nebraska State Bar Association.
ePayment available to residents and businesses across the state. Electronic payments are
accepted for individuals requesting case file copies, paying on Civil, Small Claims, Criminal and
Traffic cases for both County and District courts, or businesses paying on garnishments.

"The Supreme Court Technology Committee has carefully planned the increased use of technology in the courts. Those plans have been adopted by the Court and I am fully supportive of the implementation of those plans," said Chief Justice Michael Heavican "Technology will

allow our courts to better serve Nebraska's citizenry while at the same time facilitate increased productivity of the courts."

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